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1. FOLLOWING OUR MEETING TODAY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EMBASSY CAN GIVE SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO SCHEDULE PROVIDED REFTEL. IN VIEW OF SARG HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY AND YOUR EARLY DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT FOR BEKAA, THIS WILL BE FINAL MESSAGE REGARDING SCHEDULE BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL SATURDAY. EMBOFF WILL HAVE FINAL SCHEDULE FOR YOU AT BORDER.

2. SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

1630: ARRIVAL AT SYRIAN BORDER. (EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER GNEHM WILL MEET YOU AND YOUR PARTY AT BORDER. FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVES MEMBER OF SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE AT BORDER TO GREET YOU, BUT COUNCIL HAD NOT CONFIRMED THAT BY SARG COB TODAY.)

1730: ARRIVE AT RESIDENCE

1830: BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR ON CURRENT SITUATION IN SYRIA AND U.S-SYRIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. TENTATIVE
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MEETING WITH U.K. AMBASSADOR TO FOLLOW.

2030: DINNER AT RESIDENCE IN YOUR HONOR (GUEST LIST SAME AS REFTEL).

3. SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

0800: DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT AND FLIGHT TO PALMYRA (MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS STILL NOT CONFIRMED THAT PLANE AVAILABLE, BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY PROCEEDING WITH PLANS ON ASSUMPTION IT WILL BE.)

0830: TAKE OFF FOR PALMYRA

0900: ARRIVE PALMYRA

1100: DEPART PALMYRA

1130: ARRIVE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1200: ARRIVE AT RESIDENCE

1300: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM.

1400: PRIVATE LUNCH AT RESIDENCE.

AFTERNOON: SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN DAMASCUS.

1800: COURTESY CALL ON MOHAMMED ALI HALABI, SPEAKER OF PEOPLES' COUNCIL (SYRIA HAS 186-MEMBER UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE APPORTIONED THROUGHOUT SYRIA BY POPULATION.)

1900: RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE WITH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF.

2030: PRIVATE DINNER AT RESIDENCE.

4. MONDAY, JANUARY 20

0800: DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AMMAN BY EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1000: ARRIVE AT JORDANIAN BORDER.

5. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE FIXED TIME FOR CALL ON PRESIDENT; AND, AS MENTIONED REFTEL, WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL IN SYRIA.

6. FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER YOU WOULD WANT TO VISIT KUNEITRA IF IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GO TO PALMYRA. WE REITERATED YOUR FIRST INTEREST WAS PALMYRA AND SAID RE KUNEITRA WE WOULD ASK YOU FOR YOUR VIEWS.

7. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH PRESS? PRESS IN SYRIA NOT SO IMPORTANT BUT LOCAL STRINGERS OF AP AND UP, AS WELL AS VOA, WOULD FILE STORIES SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE. IF SO, BEST TIME -- BUT BY NO MEANS OPTIMUM -- IS TO MEET WITH PRESS MONDAY MORNING AT RESIDENCE BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FOR AMMAN.

8. EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH MARWAN HAMAWI WHO HAPPY TO MEET WITH MESSRS. FENTRESS AND MEISSNER. EXACT TIME NOT YET CONFIRMED.

9. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL.
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